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FIGHTING CONTINUES FAVORABLE TO ALLIED ARMIES ENEMY CRUMPLED BY SOLID LINES OF THE ENTENTE

RIOTERS OF DE LAVAL AND REMOVAL OF ONTARIO FORCES FROM CITY AT ONCE

Ultimatum Served On Federal Govt. Says Five Days Will Be Given In Which To Withdraw the Troops Sent From This Province—Lavergne Said To Have Intervened At Govt. Request—Soldiers Kept In Barracks and City Is Quiet Today—Lessard Now In Charge.

Quebec, April 1.—Peace has been restored in this city, at least temporarily. The unruly element, which has been creating trouble here has accepted an assurance given them by Armand Lavergne, the noted Nationalist politician, that if they desire to be free from attacks by the military they must discontinue the patrolling of the streets.

Ultimatum to Government. The leaders of the rebellious faction have virtually served an ultimatum on the Government, that out-of-town troops, which include the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 2nd Canadian Infantry, must be withdrawn, and that the personnel of the Dominion police force, which has been sent to the city, must be removed. Beyond this, the ultimatum states that the Government must give two days in which to make the changes desired.

No Soldiers On Street. Today, while the authorities were busy with the ultimatum, the streets were cleared of soldiers. The intervention of Armand Lavergne in the matter has been a success, as the suggestion of the officials of the federal department of justice, that the troops be sent to the city, has been withdrawn.

Notwithstanding this, when asked, he tended a conference with the officials at the Chateau Laurier and gave, at that time, a statement in which he stated that the ultimatum was not a demand, but a suggestion, and that the Government would be expected to take the necessary steps to remove the troops from the city.

Ontario Troops Arrive. The Toronto and western troops sent here to supplement the local forces, arrived at the city yesterday morning. The troops consist of the 2nd Battalion, C. O. I., under the command of Major E. J. Macdonald, and the 3rd Battalion, C. O. I., under the command of Major J. H. Macdonald.

Last Night's Trouble. The firing which took place last night occurred while the military was rounding up the rioters. It was not done by the soldiers. This assurance was given at military headquarters this morning. Arthur Quarr and the Misses Roche, who were struck, were taken to the hospital. Two Quebec soldiers were hurt last night with flying missiles.

RIOTS MANAGED BY FOREIGNERS AT QUEBEC CITY

Firm and Experienced Hands Are Apparently Conducting the Operations.

PERFECT SIGNAL CODE

Demonstrators Attempt To Raid Mayor's Residence, But Are Foiled.

Quebec, April 1.—Proclamations will be posted throughout the city today by the military authorities, prohibiting the holding of the meeting announced for 8 o'clock tonight by Armand Lavergne.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Quebec, April 1.—The authorities in Quebec have not yet succeeded in finding out the system of organization of the group of rioters. They are, however, persuaded that the chief organizers are foreigners to the city. Police men say that men altogether unknown to them have been seen in the city.

Smashed Street Cars. When the soldiers had successfully removed all the guns and ammunition from the hardware stores, they began their march up town. They were harassed by the mob all the way until they reached the upper town. While climbing Abraham Hill they were showered with bottles, ice and stones from the side streets, and despite the fact that some of them suffered pain from the flying missiles, they marched on their way, ignoring the bombardment and the taunts of the mob.

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GOVT. JOURNAL BLAMES BOURASSA FOR RIOTS; WANTS HIM PUNISHED

Doherty Knows Nothing of Arrangement With Lavergne.

Ottawa, April 1.—Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, when asked this morning in regard to the statement credited to Armand Lavergne that he had conferred with the Dominion government with regard to the withdrawal of troops from Quebec, said that he had no knowledge of such an arrangement, having been entered into by the department.

The militia authorities, in commenting on the sending of Gen. Lessard from Halifax to Quebec, today stated that it is understood that the number of troops at present in Quebec is in the vicinity of 2,000.

PRESIDENT STANDS PAT ON ATTITUDE TOWARDS A NEGOTIATED PEACE

New York, April 1.—President Wilson has not changed his attitude concerning a negotiated peace with the central powers, as expressed in his message to Congress on the declaration of war with Germany, and his message to Congress on the declaration of war with Germany, and his message to Congress on the declaration of war with Germany.

Woodstock, Ont., April 1.—J. F. Moore, a well-known clothing merchant of this city, died this morning from injuries received when he was knocked over by an automobile driven by Walter A. Hunter of Hiram, N. S., on a fast freight train. Conductor L. M. Steadman and H. Tucker, brakeman, were the victims.

"ARE WE DOWNHEARTED?", SAYS KING, AND STARTS UPROAR

With the British Army in France, March 31.—King George on his visit to the British front in the past week went about quietly giving words of thanks and encouragement. Officers and men when engaged in important work, paused only long enough to salute the King and continued their labors. This was at the expressed wish of His Majesty that there should be no slowing down of the army machine because of his presence.

Meeting a certain regiment on the way to front lines His Majesty cried out: "Are we downhearted?" The reply was an enthusiastic uproar.

Many pathetic and many humorous incidents occurred amongst the wounded. One wounded colonial, lying waiting a Red Cross train, leaned forward when the King opened the carriage door. The colonial looked critically at the King, then painfully extending his hand he said: "I've often heard of you. Put it right there."

The King immediately did.

CANADIAN GUNNERS AT WIMY SMOOTHER EVERY ENEMY MOVE

Dominion Batteries Playing Vital Part In Pulverizing Stupendous Onslaught of Germans.

By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent. Canadian Army Headquarters, the world, via London, April 1.—On Easter Monday, a year ago, Canadian soldiers moving nightly to the attack, captured Vimy Ridge. The Easter Monday soldiers of the Dominion are united with the British troops north of the Scarpe, in the defense of the southern flanks of the Scarpe.

Canadian Morale High. Last night, men gathered around the building of the Quebec Railway on Commerce street to attack of the city. The group of rioters, they are, however, persuaded that the chief organizers are foreigners to the city. Police men say that men altogether unknown to them have been seen in the city.

SIX MILLION DOLLARS IN BOOZE SHIPPED INTO THIS PROVINCE. One Man Mortgages \$3,000 Farm To Get Stock.

Montreal, April 1.—During the past few weeks not less than \$6,000,000 worth of liquors have been shipped from Montreal to the provinces. The liquor is being shipped in great quantities, and the fact that the British were able to hold out for so long a time, after the past ten days of grueling fighting, to undertake an offensive operation.

Flag Is Still Flying. South of the Somme where there has been so much hard fighting, the British appear to have the situation well in hand, and the German hall of Moreuil, about which sanguinary struggles have been swinging, was at last reported flying the British flag defiantly from the parapets.

NO TROUBLE LIKELY AT CITY OF MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 1.—We do not anticipate any trouble in Montreal, G. O. C. of No. 4 District, this morning, when asked if any preparations had been made to deal with trouble that might arise in the city as a result of the riot at Quebec.

WOODSTOCK MERCHANT DIES OF HIS INJURY. Woodstock, Ont., April 1.—J. F. Moore, a well-known clothing merchant of this city, died this morning from injuries received when he was knocked over by an automobile driven by Walter A. Hunter of Hiram, N. S., on a fast freight train.

THE WAR SITUATION

As Allied troops begin offensive movements on the Picardy battlefield, German assaults show signs of slackening, both in numbers and intensity, and the Germans are digging themselves in the changed line of the salient, where the French pressure has been heavy.

Peace Drive Failure. The German peace drive toward Amiens, Paris and the channel ports, is fast becoming a battle of the nations. The conflict opened with British and German soldiers, the adversaries. Since the French and American armies have joined with Field Marshal Foch's forces, while Austrian and Bulgarian troops are aiding the enemy, Canadian cavalry and Australian infantry have been doing much of the fighting under the British flag in the past two days.

Heavy Cavalry Swept From Forest. Around Montdidier, where the battle line curves northward, the French have reclaimed Ayencourt and Monchel. Further east, toward Lassigny, in the direction of Noyon, the Germans have pressed back, and a salient driven into the enemy lines. It is in this region that the battle of the Somme is now being fought.

50 Miles From Paris. If Field Marshal von Hindenburg intended to spend April 1st at Paris, he must have meant some other year than 1918. His troops are still more than 50 miles from the French capital. In the eleven days of fighting, and under tremendous losses, the Germans have been unable to break the British line.

BRANTFORD MAN DIES FROM HURT RECEIVED AS RESULT OF ROW. Alleged Fatal Wounds Were Inflicted by Half-Brother.

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Brantford, Ont., April 1.—Alfred Isaac, employee of the Mitchell Garment Co., died at 3:15 this morning at the Brantford General Hospital from wounds received in a row at 33 Alfred street yesterday afternoon, culminating in a fight which was described as a "terrible" one.

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British and French Continue To Throw Off Heaviest Attacks of Hindenburg Near Montdidier and Around Albert—Germans Unable To Make Any Further Progress Towards Amiens Or Oise Valley.

London, April 1.—The Germans made two attacks on British positions in the western outskirts of Albert during the night, and in both cases were repulsed, the war office announces.

South of the Somme, the enemy persisted in his attempts to advance along the Luce and Arras valleys, but made little progress.

TOOK 109 MACHINE GUNS. London, April 1.—The number of machine guns taken by the British in their attack near Serre on Saturday was 109.

BROKE ASSAULTING WAVES. Paris, April 1.—The battle continued with extreme violence last night in the sector north of Montdidier, large bodies of troops being thrown in by the Germans, the war office announces. The French and British troops broke up the assaulting waves.

Further south the fighting was no less violent, the Germans making incessant attacks in an effort to capture Grivesnes. The French retained possession of the town and inflicted heavy losses on the Germans.

FAVORABLE TO ALLIES. London, April 1.—Today's reports, although showing a continuance of heavy fighting are favorable to the allies. The enemy has made no further progress in the direction of Amiens or towards the Oise Valley, while French forces in brilliant counter-attacks have recaptured some of the lost positions.

CANADIAN ARMORED CARS IN IT. British Army Headquarters in France, April 1.—Canadian armored motor cars, with rapid rifles, have played an important part in checking the German rush. Up to the time of the present battle they were used but little, but in the last ten days these cars have performed valuable service. Presently they have held up large bodies of German troops on being rushed to threatened parts of the front. Their presence has had a wonderfully steadying effect on the British line.

FIRST ONRUSH STEMMED. London, April 1.—The belief is held that the first onrush of the enemy has been stemmed. He is engaged in the process of consolidating his positions, and bringing up heavy armor, and it is expected that when this work has been completed another big blow will be delivered with all the energy which he still has.

STRENGTHENING THE LINE. With strong reinforcements on command, the hope is expressed here that the Allied line will prove formidable, and that the Germans will dash themselves against it in vain.

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORT. London, April 1.—Following is the official communication: "The enemy twice attacked our positions in the western outskirts of Albert yesterday evening. Both attacks were repulsed."

South of the Somme, the enemy is persisting in his attempts to advance along the valleys of the Luce and Arras, but has made little progress. Attacks and counter-attacks followed each other in this sector throughout yesterday afternoon and evening, and are expected to continue.

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT. Paris, April 1.—The French statement follows: "Yesterday and last night the battle continued with extreme violence north of Montdidier. The enemy directed his efforts in particular along the front between Montdidier and the Peronne-Amiens road, and threw forward important forces with the particular object of enlarging his gains west of Hainard-en-Santerre. Franco-British troops broke up the assaulting waves, which were not able to debouch. A brilliant counter-attack, in which our allies gave proof of their valor, enabled the French to throw back the enemy completely and recapture this village."

The fighting further south was no less violent. Grivesnes was the objective of powerful attacks, which were repulsed, leading to hand-to-hand fighting. This town remains in the hands of the French, who inflicted great losses on the Germans. A statement issued by the war office today is nothing to report."

FOE IS REPULSED ON BOTH SIDES OF SOMME. LONDON, March 31.—That the Germans on Sunday not only failed to make gains against the British, but that they were repulsed on both sides of the Somme, is announced in a statement issued by the war office today.